

317-76. Police—

The Board is authorized to employ watchmen, guards and investigators as it may deem necessary for the protection of its properties, personnel and passengers and such employees, when authorized by any jurisdiction within the Zone, may serve as special police officers in any such jurisdiction. Nothing contained herein shall relieve any signatory or political subdivision or agency thereof from its duty to provide police service and protection or to limit, restrict or interfere with the jurisdiction of or performance of duties by the existing police and law enforcement agencies.

317-77. Exemption from Regulation—

Except as otherwise provided in this Title, any transit service rendered by transit facilities owned OR CONTROLLED by the Authority and the Authority or any corporation, firm or association performing such transit service pursuant to an operating contract with the Authority, shall, IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF SUCH SERVICE, be exempt from all laws, rules, regulations and orders of the signatories and of the United States otherwise applicable to such transit service and persons, except that laws, rules, regulations and orders relating to inspection of equipment and facilities, safety and testing shall remain in force and effect; provided, however, that the Board may promulgate regulations for the safety of the public and employees not inconsistent with the applicable laws, rules, regulations or orders of the signatories and of the United States.

317-78. Tax Exemption—

It is hereby declared that the creation of the Authority and the carrying out of the corporate purposes of the Authority is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the signatory states and is for a public purpose and that the Authority and the Board will be performing an essential governmental function, including, without limitation, proprietary, governmental and other functions, in the exercise of the powers conferred by this Title. Accordingly, the Authority and the Board shall not be required to pay taxes or assessments upon any of the property acquired by it or under its jurisdiction, control, possession or supervision or upon its activities in the operation and maintenance of any transit facilities or upon any revenues therefrom and the property and income derived therefrom shall be exempt from all Federal, State, District of Columbia, municipal and local taxation. This exemption shall include, without limitation, all motor vehicle license fees, sales taxes and motor fuel taxes.

317-79. Free Transportation and School Fares—

All laws of the signatories with respect to free transportation and school fares shall be applicable to transit service rendered by facilities owned OR CONTROLLED by the Authority.

317-80. Liability for Contracts and Torts—

The Authority shall be liable for its contracts and for its torts and those of its Directors, officers, employees and agents committed in the conduct of any proprietary function, in accordance with the law of the applicable signatory (including rules on conflict of laws), but